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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON WALVIS BAY

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS ON THE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY, FCO MINISTER OF STATE LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS JUNE 22 SAID: "WE TAKE THE VIEW THAT WALVIS BAY IS PART OF NAMIBIA. NO DOUBT A DECLARATION BY ALL CONCERNED IN THAT SENSE WOULD BE HELPFUL...I CAN SEE NO CONTINGENCY IN THE FUTURE IN WHICH WALVIS BAY WILL NOT INDEED BE PART OF NAMIBIA."

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. WE UNDERSTAND THE SOUTH AFRICAN
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EMBASSY HAS PROTESTED GORONWY-ROBERTS' LANGUAGE, PARTICULARLY THE FIRST SENTENCE. THE STATEMENT HAS NOT APPEARED IN THE PRESS HERE, BUT IT MAY SIGNAL TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND REGARDING THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF WALVIS BAY. REGARDING THE FIRST SENTENCE, WHICH CLOSELY REFLECTS SWAPO'S FORMULA, FCO TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HIS LORDSHIP MUDDLED HIS

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